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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

--| This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/EP00/06943
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

A² 5. (Amended) An immunogenic fragment of the polypeptide as claimed in claim 1 in
which the immunogenic activity of said immunogenic fragment is substantially the same as the
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